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INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of works being carried out under the Integrated Pest Management Programme along with the manner in which assistance is provided to the farmers under this programme, State-wise including Maharashtra; and

(b) the manner in which the Government is educating the farmers about pest control techniques and the achievements made during the last three years, State- wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR)

(a): Following works/ activities are being carried out under the Integrated Pest Management programme-

Popularization of IPM approach among farming community.

Conducting regular pest surveillance and monitoring to assess pest/ disease situation.

Rearing biological control agents for their use and conservation of naturally occurring bio-agents.

Promotion of Bio-pesticides and neem based pesticides as alternatives to chemical pesticides.

Play a catalytic role in spread of innovative IPM skills to extension workers, land farmers in various States/UTs.

Human Resource Development in IPM by imparting training to master trainers, extension workers and farmers through Farmers Field Schools(FFSs).

Organization of Farmers Field Schools (FFS) through KVKs/SAUs/ ICAR institutes to develop the sufficient human resource.

Under the HRD programme, organization of short duration courses of two days and five days for pesticides dealers/ NGOs/ graduates/post-graduates/ entrepreneurs and progressive farmers.

Organization of Season Long Training programmes (SLTP) on major agricultural/ horticultural crops for extension workers of States Governments.

(b): Farmers are being educated under IPM through Farmers Field schools on IPM skills and pest control techniques to be adopted by them in their crop fields, thereby making them self reliant in decision making. Besides Farmers Field Schools, farmers are being educated through 2 days short duration programmes. Non formal education through participatory approach is also being adopted for educating the farmers.

State-wise achievements made during last three years are at Annexure-I and Annexure-II.